

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Knights of Columbus, Black Hills Council #703, was founded on December 6, 1903, in Deadwood, South Dakota, by several gentlemen from St. Ambrose parish in Deadwood and St. Patrick parish in Lead, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The Council was moved from Deadwood to Lead in 1904, as Lead was the seat of the West River diocese at that time; and,

Whereas, Fifty-one members signed the original charter 100 years ago and the Council has averaged 44 members over the years; and,

Whereas, Fifty-seven members of the Council have served as Grand Knight, 14 members have served as state officers, and there are five members that hold membership status of 50 years or more; and,

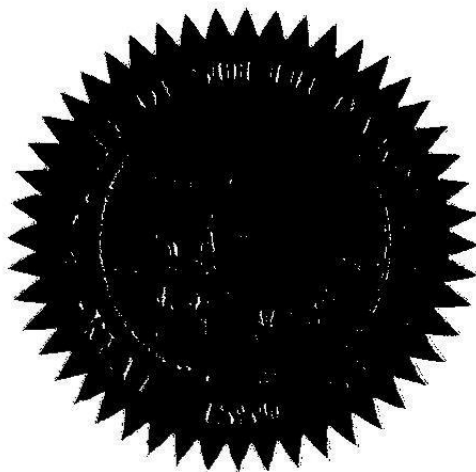
Whereas, The mission of the Knights of Columbus is to serve the parish priest, raise money and work to assist youth, needy and mentally challenged in the community, and console the sick and bereaved; and,

Whereas, The 100th Anniversary celebration of the Knights of Columbus, Black Hills Council #703, will take place on May 21, 2004, with Bishop Blaze Cupich celebrating mass at St. Patrick's Church at 5 p.m., with additional activities to follow at the Golden Hills Resort in Lead:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2004, as

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, BLACK HILLS COUNCIL #703, DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Chris Nelson', written over a horizontal line.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State